

Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis flavida*: a new bird for Mali

Volker Salewski

Le 3 janvier 1995, dans les environs de Bougouni, Mali, un *Apalis flavida* fut capturé dans un filet japonais et photographié. L'oiseau présentait des parties supérieures uniformément verdâtres ainsi qu'une gorge et une poitrine jaunes contrastant avec un ventre blanchâtre. Ces caractères sont indicatifs d'un immature. Ceci constitue la première mention de cette espèce pour le Mali.

On 3 January 1995, whilst mist-netting near Bougouni, Mali for two days, a Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis flavida* was caught and photographed. The bird was uniformly greenish above and had a yellow throat and breast contrasting with the whitish belly. These characters show that the bird was an immature². Measurements were: wing 48 mm; tarsus 18 mm; weight 7.4 g. This is apparently the first record of the species in Mali: it is not listed by Dowsett & Forbes-Watson¹ or Urban *et al.*². Elsewhere, Yellow-breasted Apalis occurs in open forest and savannah from The Gambia and Sierra Leone, north to Chad and Niger, east to southern Sudan, Uganda and central Kenya, and south to northern Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and eastern South Africa². The bird's age suggests the species breeds in Mali.

Acknowledgement

I wish to thank S. Eggers and J. Fry for their help with the mist-netting, and especially P. Spierenburg and his wife for their hospitality. The support of Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft and Volkswagen AG was invaluable. ♀



Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis flavida*, Mali, January 1995
(Volker Salewski)

References

1. Dowsett, R.J. and Forbes-Watson A.D. 1993. *Check-list of birds of the Afrotropical and Malagasy region*. Liège, Belgium: Tauraco Press.
2. Urban, E.K., Fry C. H. and Keith S. (eds) 1997. *The Birds of Africa*. Vol 5. London, UK: Academic Press.

Institut für Vogelforschung, "Vogelwarte Helgoland", An der Vogelwarte 21, 26386 Wilhelmshaven, Germany.

Advertise in the *Bulletin of the ABC*

All advertisements must be sent **prepaid** (cheques made payable to the African Bird Club) as camera-ready copy, bromide film or on floppy disk to:

Moirá Hargreaves, 30 Highfield Road, Tring, Herts, HP23 4DX, UK.

If adverts are sent on floppy disk we can accept Pagemaker 6, CorelDraw⁷ files or unformatted ASCII text files and uncompressed TIF graphics files. If adverts are prepared on an Apple Mac the diskette should be formatted for PC.

The current rates are as follows and are based on a print run of 1,500 copies. These rates are guaranteed for the September 1998 *Bull ABC*.

Please address all queries to Moira Hargreaves at the above address.

African Bird Club Advertising Rates

Black & white

Full-page	£95	(210 x 145mm)
Half-page	£60	(100 x 145mm)
Quarter-page	£40	(100 x 70mm)
Eighth-page	£25	(50 x 70mm)

Colour

Please contact Moira Hargreaves on Tel/Fax: 01442 823624. E-mail: moira.y.hargreaves@btinternet.com (or write to the address given above left.)

Copy deadlines

Spring Bulletin	15 January
Autumn Bulletin	05 June

